GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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PROCESSING OF GRAPES AND MANGOES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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(a) the percentage of grapes and mangoes processed in the country during the last two years;

(b) whether this percentage is quite low; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b): As per Indian Horticulture Database,2001, published by National Horticulture Board, total productionof mangoes and grapes in the country during 1999 − 2000 was 105.03 lakh tonnes and 11.37 lakh tonnes respectively. Fruit processing is both in organised and unorganised sectors and as such fruit-wise figures of processing are not maintained centrally. However, the processing of fruits & vegetables is estimated to be around 2% in the country.

(c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance through its Plan Schemes to Private Sector Industries, Non-Governmental Organizations, Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Human Resource Development Institutions, Research & Development Institutions etc. for the development of processed food sector including industries based on grapes and mangoes. Besides the scheme of financial assistance, a number of initiatives have been taken to promote this sector. It has been included in the list of priority sector for bank lending. Approval for foreign direct investment under automatic route is available for most of the processed food items. From the Budget Year 2001 − 2002, excise duty on processed foods has been brought down to zero from sixteen per cent.

The food park at Nasik has been sanctioned keeping in view the potential for grape in the region. Food parks at Lucknow, Varanasi and Kuppam have mango as one of their thrust areas.